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1. DEPARTMENT AND OTHERS IN WASHINGTON WILL BE GLAD TO COOPERATE IN PROVIDING HAWKE A MORE EXTENSIVE PROGRAM THAN ORIGINALLY PLANNED. FIRST STEP, THOUGH, IS FOR HAWKE TO PIN DOWN HIS APPEARANCE AT CWA CONVENTION AND HIS APPOINTMENT WITH MEANY. SO FAR (MORNING MAY 31) NEITHER AFL-CIO NOR CWA HAS RECEIVED ACCEPTANCE OF THEIR INVITATIONS.

2. MEANWHILE, IT WOULD BE USEFUL FOR US TO KNOW UNDER WHOSE AUSPICES HE WOULD BE TRAVELING. WE ASSUME THAT HIS INTERNATIONAL AIR FARE IS BEING TAKEN CARE OF BY HIS SPONSOR, OR HIS OWN ORGANIZATION. WE ARE CONCERNED ABOUT HIS EXPECTATIONS ONCE HE ARRIVES HERE. WE RECALL TOO WELL WHAT HAPPENED WHEN HAWKE WAS IN WASHINGTON FOR A BRIEF VISIT

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IN 1970. QUESTION OF PARTIAL FINANCIAL ASSISTANCE FROM

US DID NOT ARISE UNTIL HE ACTUALLY WAS IN TOWN, WHEN HAWKE
HIMSELF, WITH SOME EMBARRASSMENT, RAISED IT. KISSINGER

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